GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1382
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SURVEILLANCE OF BOUNDARY
GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fencing alone cannot prevent infiltration through our borders;

(b) if so, whether the electronic surveillance technology is also required to make the system more effective; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)to(c): The Group of Ministers in its report on `Reforming the National Security system` has observed that although construction of border fence has helped in checking infiltration from across the border, it is not the panacea for all the problems afflicting efficient and effective management of the border. It has recommended that a holistic approach involving a wide variety of measures, including greater use of high technology systems and equipments such as electronic surveillance system be considered while evolving a strategy for improved border management. The government has decided to implement the recommendations.